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MORRIS CANAL.

SUMMARY OF THE NEW ABANDONMENT BILL.

Measure Prepared By Three Commissioners - Provisions for Railroad Purposes - State Acquires All Water Rights.

Justice Bennet Van Sye, one of the three commissioners who prepared the Morris canal abandonment bill that will be submitted to the Legislature now in session, has compiled a summary of the bill for publication in order that every person interested in the subject may get knowledge of the details of the bill.

The bill provides for the repeal of the canal company's charter and the abandonment of navigation. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company is to acquire and surrender to the State all of the \$2,200,000 outstanding stock of the canal company and to surrender it to the State for cancellation. Stock that cannot be obtained otherwise is to be condemned, but at the expense of the railroad company. The bill divides the canal into three sections. The first section, from the Delaware river to the west line of Paterson, is eighty odd miles long. The second section, from the west line of Paterson to Fiddler's Elbow, between Jersey City and Bayonne, twenty-one miles. The third section, from Fiddler's Elbow to the Jersey City terminal, three miles.

The first section, all that part of the canal west of Paterson, if the abandonment bill is adopted, goes to the State absolutely, with all the water rights, rights of flowage and diversion, all rights in Lake Hopatcong, Greenwood Lake, Green Pond, Stanhope reservoir, Cranberry Lake and Bear Swamp, with any and all water rights anywhere in the State pertaining to or connected with the canal property.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company is given exclusive right to use the surface of the canal lands in Philadelphia for its railroad purposes. The State is to have the right at all times to enter upon the surface of the Philadelphia property to lay and maintain water and sewer pipes beneath the surface.

The second section of the canal east of Paterson to Fiddler's Elbow takes in this town and the bill provides that this section is also to be conveyed to the State absolutely, but this strip is to be sold by commissioners appointed by the governor, either in whole or in parts, as the commissioners may decide. Out of this strip there are important reservations in favor of the county and city of Newark. The line of the canal is to be defined through Branch Brook Park and all outside of a certain strip is to go to the county. The city of Newark gets street rights of way and the canal dock within the city limits. Rights are retained for municipalities to cross the right of way of the canal at any point with sewers and water pipes. Provision is made that purchasers of the canal property shall maintain bridges wherever necessary to accommodate public roads, or in lieu thereof shall demolish the bridges and grade the roads, but must not make grade crossings. The State reserves to itself the right to enter on the property and to lay and forever maintain water and sewer pipes under the canal lands from the Delaware river to tidewater.

The third section of the canal, as provided in the bill, will practically go to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. The railroad company has control of the Jersey Belt Line charter, which carries with it a right to build a railroad on railroad property.

The provisions in the bill for the reservation of a certain strip of land and the prohibition of grade crossings make it almost certain that a railroad between Jersey City and Paterson is contemplated. If such is the case the Brookdale trolley problem will be solved.

Won Many Prizes.

Dr. Jacob S. Wolfe of this town won a number of prizes at the Washington, N. J., poultry and pigeon show this week. There was sharp competition in all classes. With forty-five silver-spangled Hamburg fowls entered Dr. Wolfe was given awards on forty-four birds and carried off the honors of the show. He also won seven specials, including the challenge cup, valued at \$50, offered by Cornish employees for the best display in the show. Dr. Wolfe won the cup last year, and by winning it twice, retains it. He also won a \$100 prize, special for the largest entry, and President Charles Nixon's silver cup for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet in the show.

Prizes With Pictures.

Have your picture taken at New Studio, 8 Broad street, Bloomfield, N. J., postal cards for 50 cents. With every sitting next week a handsome brooch with picture in it given free; bring the babies early. Work guaranteed not to fade.—Adv.

Hotel Building Burned.

Raab's Hotel building, 427 and 429 Bloomfield avenue, where William R. and Sebastian Rose conducted a hotel, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning of last week, involving a loss of upwards of \$12,000 on the building and its contents. An alarm of fire from box 27 shortly after 11 o'clock in the morning called the firemen to the scene of the fire. It was soon apparent that the services of the entire department was needed and a second alarm was sent in. The building was a frame one and had been added to at various times and the fire spread through it in such a manner that the firemen could not fix on any definite point to make headway against it. Part of the main building was three stories high and the water pressure was such that none of the seven streams played on the blaze reached higher than the second story. There was a vigorous denunciation of the lack of water pressure, both on the part of the firemen and spectators.

Superintendent Rawson of the water department says that a pressure of eighty-five pounds was steadily kept up while the fire was in progress and the fault was with the overdraught on the small mains. Five lines of hose were from one six-inch main and two lines from a four-inch main, and for that reason none of the streams could be thrown to any great height. The weather was intensely cold and the firemen worked faithfully for several hours and prevented the spread of the fire to other nearby buildings.

The fire attracted a great crowd and a long string of trolley cars on the Bloomfield avenue line were tied up for nearly two hours. No positive knowledge of how the fire started was obtainable, but was generally attributed to an overheated stove.

Raab's Hotel was founded by the late William J. Raab over forty years ago, when Mr. Raab bought out the saloon business of Michael Becker. Mr. Raab added a large turnhall to the place and put in bowling alleys and also erected a three-story building, with all hotel conveniences on the first and second floor and a lodgeroom on the third floor. The hotel was a popular place some years ago for public meetings and lodge and society affairs.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bloomfield Building and Loan Association was held Monday and the following elected: Stephen Tydemann, president; James W. Crisp, Jr., vice-president; George W. Heath, Jr., director; John L. Burdette, auditor. A new series of stock, the thirty-ninth, was opened and over 300 shares subscribed for.

The twenty-sixth annual financial statement was submitted and showed receipts for the year of \$156,052.69. Mortgage loans made during the year were \$52,700 and stock loans \$8,065. Withdrawals, with profits, amounted to \$36,260.49 and \$18,900 was paid out in matured shares. The assets of the association now amount to \$250,156.50, of which \$241,338 is in mortgage loans. Among its liabilities the association owes to shareholders in dues and profits \$249,200.21. The association had outstanding on January 1, 1911, shares of stock in series numbering from the seventeenth to the thirty-eighth inclusive.

Death of John Rawson.

John Rawson, aged forty-seven years, one of the charter members of Excelsior Hose Company, No. 3, died Monday at the home of his brother, Joseph B. Rawson, 96 Essex avenue, Glen Ridge. Mr. Rawson had been ill several weeks with a complication of diseases. The funeral service was held Thursday afternoon from his brother's home and was conducted by the Rev. Laurence Fanning of Broughton Memorial Chapel. There was a large attendance of firemen at the funeral. Mr. Rawson was born in this town. For many years he had been employed in Thomas Oakes & Co.'s woolen mills, where he held a position of foreman. Mr. Rawson was not married. He is survived by three brothers, Joseph E., William R. and James Rawson.

The Centennial Celebration.

The committee on invitation and reception of the centennial celebration committee, of which Randolph C. Barrett is chairman, held a meeting Tuesday night and organized. The committee would like every one who can do so to make up a list of former Bloomfielders whom they think would be interested in the occasion and send the same to the chairman, Mr. Barrett, 19 Eldon street.

Free Bible Lecture.

A free Bible lecture will be given under the auspices of the Bloomfield Branch of the International Bible Students, to-morrow afternoon at 3 p. m. at 38 Broad street, by J. C. Edwards of New York. There will also be a Bible study at 181 Newark avenue at 7.30.

BROOKDALE TROLLEY.

Members of the Town Council have an opportunity to demand an extension of the Broad Street Line to Brookdale in exchange for Glenwood Avenue Double Track Privilege.

The Public Service Railway Company is evidently anxious to get a double track line on that portion of Glenwood avenue between the Centre and Toney's brook. It is only a few weeks since that the council voted down the company's request for this same privilege. Some of the members of the council who voted against granting the company's request in 1911 did so because the company did not offer concessions that were satisfactory. One demand made upon the company was that it extend the Broad street line to Brookdale. The company declined to make the concession, alleging that the limited franchise legislation stood in the way of such a project. The same legislation, if strictly applied, stands in the way of the Glenwood avenue double track proposition, but in that case it does not suit the purpose of the company to raise the point.

Representatives of the railway company in their declarations to the council may profess to be indifferent about the granting of the double track proposition, that the company can continue to get along without it and that members of the council in opposing it are standing in the way of a benefit to the people in the improvement to the service that would follow the laying of the double track. The reply to that is that the company does want the double track privilege and is anxious for it as evidenced by a second application for it. The direct benefit derivable to the people of this town from the proposed short piece of double track is not apparent, but it is evident that the East Orange patronage would derive considerable benefit from it.

The concessions offered by the Public Service Railway Company in return for the Glenwood avenue double track privilege are nothing more than the ordinary concessions offered to every municipality when the company desires to put down new track. Much was made of a proposition by the company to put the electric light wires in Glenwood avenue under ground in return for the double track privilege. That was a small matter and of but little public benefit compared with what the extension of the Broad street line to Brookdale would be. If it was worth the while of the Public Service Railway to renew its application for a double track in Glenwood avenue, it is also worth while for the members of the council to renew the demand for the extension of the Broad street track to Brookdale.

It is a fair game to play. The railway company wants something given to it by the town and in return for it should give the town a substantial equivalent. As was stated by a member of the council when the matter was under discussion, "The value of the permit for a double track in Glenwood avenue cannot be measured in dollars and cents." It is something that runs for all time.

Christ Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Edwin A. White has completed his twentieth year as rector of Christ Episcopal Church and he will deliver a sermon at the 11.00 o'clock service to-morrow that will be appropriate to the occasion. The music at to-morrow's services will be as follows: Eleven o'clock, Te Deum in E flat, Buck; offertory solos from the Messiah, "He shall feed His flock" and "Come unto Him"; 4.00 o'clock service, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in D, Clare; offertory anthem, "O Holy Night." Adam. Sunday, January 21, will be observed as anniversary Sunday, and Bishop Lines will preach at the morning service. There will be a special musical service in the afternoon. An anniversary reception will be held in the parish house on Thursday evening, January 25.

Entertainment.

One of the best entertainments of the season will be given under the auspices of the Church of the Ascension in Central Hall next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The programme includes two very amusing farces, "A Matrimonial Agency" and "A Box of Monkeys," recitations by Mrs. James H. Hitecock, contralto solos by Mrs. Ernestine M. Kline and melophone selections by Mr. McDonald of Newark, accompanied by Mr. Wright of Glen Ridge. The melophone is a rare instrument of rich, mellow tone, very pleasing to all lovers of music.

The department of civics of the Woman's Club of Glen Ridge met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Alfred Hinrichs of Lincoln street. Mrs. Louis Hinrichs, who is a member of the Board of Education spoke on "Our School of To-day." Miss Marie Witte read her prize essay.

BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Will Select Engineer to Look After Railroad Work - Library Trustees Appointed - Committee to Represent Borough at Sewer Conferences.

A regular meeting of the Glen Ridge Borough Council was held Monday night at which a number of important matters were acted upon. In the matter of the Lackawanna Railroad improvement work soon to be undertaken in the borough Councilman Skillen spoke in favor of the employment on the part of the municipality of an engineer to look after the interests of the borough in the alterations to be made in street grades and other features of the work that affected municipal property. He recommended that a man familiar with the class of work about to be undertaken be engaged at once so that the railroad company could have some one to consult with on questions that may arise. Mr. Skillen was instructed by vote of the council to select an engineer and report at the next meeting.

Mayor Standish named the following trustees of the Free Public Library, which is now under municipal control: Edward N. Bristol, five years; William H. Sayer, four years; Miss Caroline W. Stewart, three years; J. Wilson Hart, two years; Mrs. William N. Beard, one year.

The council voted in favor of the appointment of a committee by Mayor Standish that shall be authorized to represent the borough at all conferences in which it may be called upon to participate relating to the Passaic valley sewer project and other schemes relating to sewage disposal. The mayor will name the committee at the next meeting of the council.

The building committee, which was the only standing committee not appointed at the time of the organization of the council, was named by the mayor and confirmed Monday night. The members of the new committee are A. M. Reynolds, Jr., Edward S. Skillen and Frank Goodwillie.

According to the annual report of Building Supervisor Moss the building permits for the last fourteen months represent an outlay of \$473,810. Fees collected amounted to \$1,000. The annual report, amounting to \$50,000, leaving a balance on hand in the department of \$627.

It was decided that the council hold an adjourned meeting next Monday night, at which time the yearly budgets will be ready for consideration.

Death of George A. Paul, D. D.

The Rev. Dr. George A. Paul, pastor of the Upper Montclair Presbyterian Church and for eighteen years pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church here, died Wednesday night at his home in Inwood avenue, Upper Montclair, from heart failure. Dr. Paul had been to a certain extent an invalid for some time and for a year past had experienced much trouble from his heart, and he had recently spent a few days at Atlantic City for the benefit of his health and returned home the day previous to his death. Since September last he had been preaching at but one service each Sunday in his church.

The Rev. Dr. Paul was born in Virginia fifty-four years ago. He was graduated from Princeton College in 1878 and after a four years' course in the Princeton Theological Seminary he was ordained to the ministry, and his first charge was in Delaware City, Del., where he spent six years, and came from there to the Westminster Church here, succeeding the late Samuel W. Duffield, D. D. During Dr. Paul's pastorate the present Westminster Church edifice was built and also the Jarvie memorial building. Dr. Paul's congregation in Upper Montclair is now building a new church to cost \$50,000 when completed.

Dr. Paul was twice married. His first wife died while he was pastor here and he afterward married Miss Bessie Sutphen of this town, who survives him. The funeral service will be held in the Upper Montclair church this afternoon. During his long pastorate here Dr. Paul made many close friends, who have always held him in high esteem and warm remembrance and will deeply mourn his death. Dr. Paul was a scholarly preacher and firmly grounded in the Presbyterian faith. He had high ideals, both with respect to the church and ministerial calling, and he applied them in his preaching and his pastoral work.

Men's Mass Meeting.

The preliminary gun proceeding the big Eight Day Campaign in the Men and Religion Forward Movement, will be fired on Friday, January 19, Mr. Roy B. Guilt, executive secretary of the National Committee, will address a big gathering of men in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, Newark, at 8 o'clock p. m.

If your feet hurt you go to Dr. C. J. Neff, Surgeon Chiropract, Trust Company building.—Adv.

Death of George W. Pancoast.

George W. Pancoast, aged seventy years, a veteran of the civil war, a former member of the Board of Education here and for many years a director in the Essex County Building and Loan Association, died at his home, 87 Ridgewood avenue, Glen Ridge, at an early hour on Wednesday morning from an attack of heart trouble, to which he had been subject for some time past.

Mr. Pancoast went to his office in the Astor Trust Company in New York on Tuesday apparently in his usual health. During the day he said to some of his associates in the bank that he was not feeling right, but did not consider it serious. When he reached home in the evening it was thought he was suffering with a cold and a physician was called, who after an examination said he did not find any serious trouble. About 1.40 o'clock Wednesday morning Mrs. Pancoast was awakened and went to her husband's bedside and found him very ill. She called her daughter, Mrs. John W. Knight, who summoned Dr. W. H. White, the family physician. In twenty minutes' time after the family was aroused Mr. Pancoast was dead.

George W. Pancoast was born in New York city in 1841. He was descended from an English family that emigrated to this country in Colonial times with the Society of Friends. When a young man he entered a New York bank as bookkeeper and for fifty years was connected with banks and was well known in bank circles. He held the position of cashier in the Astor Trust Company up to the time of his death.

At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the Eighty-third New York Infantry under Colonel John W. Stiles. At the battle of Antietam he sustained two serious wounds almost simultaneously. A gun shot shattered the bone of his left arm, rendering amputation necessary, and a bullet struck his left leg at the knee, permanently stiffening the joint, and he was forced to retire from service. Mr. Pancoast was a member of Lafayette Post, No. 140, G. A. R., of New York.

In 1884 Mr. Pancoast came here to live and became a member of the Presbyterian church of Glen Ridge. He was the owner of the postoffice building here.

Mr. Pancoast was an attendant at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church. The funeral service was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence. Besides his wife, Mrs. Sarah J. Pancoast, two daughters and a son survive him. They are Mrs. John W. Knight and Mrs. Harry Bogert of Glen Ridge and Warren L. Pancoast of Philadelphia.

J. Cory Johnson Dead.

J. Cory Johnson, aged seventy-six years, a well-known resident of this town, died at his home, 680 Bloomfield avenue, yesterday morning, after a two weeks' illness, which started with grip and developed pneumonia. Mr. Johnson was born in Newark and was the son of the late Thomas V. Johnson of Newark, later of Morristown. It is now forty-six years since Mr. Johnson took up his residence here. He was in the life insurance business and was for half a century connected with the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company. Mr. Johnson was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The funeral service will be held Monday afternoon at 2.00 o'clock from the family home. Mr. Johnson's survivors by his wife, Sallie W. Johnson, a daughter of the late Simeon Riggs Hayes, and four sons and six grandchildren. The sons are T. Howell, Edward P. and William L. of this town and Percy H. Johnson of Newark.

Trust Company Directors.

At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bloomfield Trust Company on Tuesday the directors elected were: W. L. Lincoln Adams, Robert M. Boyd, Jr., A. R. Brewer, Dr. William R. Broughton, Francis M. Crawley, Allison Dodd, George Hummel, Charles A. Hungerford, F. William Knolhoff, David B. Mills, Vincent S. Mulford, George W. Reynolds, John Sherman, Joseph H. Dodd, Ralph H. Thompson, Hampden E. Tener and Dr. William H. White.

National Bank Directors.

At the annual meeting of Bloomfield National Bank Stockholders on Tuesday directors were elected as follows: Thomas Oakes, William A. Baldwin, David Oakes, Lewis K. Dodd, Edward D. Farmer, Edward G. Ward, Henry P. Dodd, George A. Oakes, Harry L. Osborne, P. H. Fowler, G. Lee Stout, Frederic R. Pilch.

Safe Deposit Boxes.

You are invited to call and inspect our Safety Boxes in our Burglar and Fire Proof Vaults. Boxes to rent at \$4.00 per annum. The Bloomfield National Bank.—Adv.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

HELD ITS ORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY NIGHT.

Officers Elected and Committee Appointed - Inspector's Annual Report - Summary of Year's Work.

The annual meeting of the Board of Health was held Monday night, and officers elected as follows: J. J. Thompson, president; Dr. J. C. Saile, secretary and inspector; Charles H. Halfpenny, attorney. President Thompson appointed standing committees the same as last year.

The annual report of Health Board Inspector Dr. J. C. Saile was submitted to the board and was in part as follows: That a total of 283 complaints had been received and investigated during the year 1911. Two hundred and eight privy vaults were ordered removed by the Board of Health during the year, and the premises connected with the public sewer system. The kitchen of the high school and the kindergarten and connecting classrooms of the Centre school were disinfected during the year on account of diphtheria. The primary department and five rooms of the grammar department of the parochial school were disinfected on account of scarlet fever. The amount of infections taking place through the schools, the inspector says, has undoubtedly been lessened through the watchful and efficient work of the medical inspector of schools and the school teachers. The community, he says, is reaping the benefits of this excellent system of school inspection, as it tends to improve the general physical welfare of the children as well as the detection of unrecognizable cases of infectious and contagious diseases, and so insures the prompt removal of numerous centres of infection.

The providing of medical inspection of schools for the detection of infectious and contagious diseases is of such vast importance, the inspector says, that he would recommend that the parochial school as well as private schools establish such inspection.

The following tabulation of contagious diseases reported by physicians during the year is given in the report: Chicken-pox, 3 cases; typhoid fever, 6 cases; scarlet fever, 42; diphtheria, 31; tuberculosis, 7.

Two cases of glanders in horses were reported during the year and the animals were promptly killed and the stables thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. In 38 cases of scarlet fever, 56 of diphtheria and 2 of tuberculosis the sufferers were removed to the County Isolation Hospital; of these, two suffered from diphtheria and one from tuberculosis died in the hospital.

One hundred and thirty-four cultures were received during the year from physicians for purposes of diagnosis, and were sent to Dr. D. H. Baldwin, the board's bacteriologist. In all cases of infectious or contagious diseases the houses of apartments were thoroughly disinfected with formaldehyde.

Samples of the town water supply were taken at different periods during the year and sent to the State Laboratory of Hygiene at Trenton. The result of the analysis showed the water to be of an excellent quality at each examination. Three samples of well-water taken during the year were sent to the same laboratory, and in each case the analysis showed pollution and copies of it were sent to the owners of the premises on which the wells were located. A sample of spring water sent to the State Laboratory for analysis was reported polluted with possible wash, and the owner of the property was notified.

All the public school buildings were inspected during the year and found to be in excellent sanitary condition except the primary school on Belmont avenue, where some unsanitary conditions were found and reported to the superintendent of schools.

Four hundred and twenty-eight premises were inspected during the year, and where it was found necessary owners were notified to clean up and put their premises in sanitary condition.

The sum of twenty-five dollars in fines was collected during the year for violations of the ordinance regulating the removal of dead animals from the town. Indictments by the grand jury were made in two cases of illegal practice and the cases are still pending.

Plumbing plans filed with the inspector during the year were 240 for new houses and 242 for plumbing changes in old houses. Dr. Saile reports the general sanitary condition of the town as very good at the present time. As registrar of vital statistics Dr. Saile made the following report: Estimated population of the town is given at 16,000. The number of births reported during the year was 330; still births 11; marriages, 127; deaths, 152. The death rate was 8.6 per 1,000 of population.

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